

Covering the Ho-Chunk Nation

# HOKAK WORAK



Vol. XXV, Issue 6

Wake hikiruxe wira | Racoon Mating Moon

March 25, 2011

**COMING SOON**  
[www.hocakworak.com](http://www.hocakworak.com)



Bronson Koenig and Will Decorah (both sophomores), part of the Final Four Weekend

Page 16

## Nation officials seek update from BIA

Submitted by Anne Thundercloud

Earlier this month Ho-Chunk representatives met with top officials within the BIA to discuss issues pertinent to Ho-Chunk. Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and Legislators Walker, Redeagle, Holst and Twobears went to Washington, DC to attend the NCAI conference but held additional meetings with government officials while visiting the nation's capital.

Ho-Chunk Nation leaders met with the Department of the Interior regarding the status of the BIA review of the Nation's 13 year land claim for federal surplus land at Badger. The BIA is currently reviewing the land claim for approximately 532 acres of the overall 1,552.5 acres that are slated for transfer to the Nation from the U.S. Army. Only about 532 acres is ready for agency review and transfer at this time, according to Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek attorney Samantha Greendeer, who accom-

panied the Nation's leaders.

"The remainder of the overall parcel may be ready for transfer between 2012 and 2015, depending on the Army's ability to complete its duty to remediate the parcels prior to," Greendeer said.

Although tribes have been largely unsuccessful in recovering surplus military land, the BIA assured the Nation it would move forward with the required review and assessment of the land toward the desired result of transfer to the Nation.

According to Greendeer, the BIA stated that they will need to conduct an independent assessment of the land



(L-R) Representative Holst, Mr. Echohawk, Representative Two Bears, President Wilfrid Cleveland and Representative Redeagle at the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices at the Department of Interior.



that will determine whether the Army properly remediated the land and determine any risks or liabilities that may be of issue. The BIA will not be able to move forward with its assessment until the snow clears. In the mean time, the BIA is working on a programmatic agreement with the General Services Administration, the

federal agency that disposes of surplus federal lands, which will stipulate the federal agency's agreement on how the review and transfers of parcels will proceed, Greendeer said.



(L-R) Representative Holst, President Wilfrid Cleveland and Representative Redeagle.

## Vietnam Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 8am

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells Flag Poles

Ho-Chunk Flag Raising Ceremony. Master of ceremonies, Tim Hanson, Facilities Manager, drum group, the Wisconsin Dells Singers, flag detail by the Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells Security Officers, gun detail by the Sanford White Eagle Post 556 and playing of taps by flutist Tommy Lee.

Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556  
Wisconsin Dells Singers drum • Tommy Lee, flutist

CONTACT: Missy Tracy, Phone: 800-746-2486, Ext. 2145

### INSIDE SCOOP...

Letters	Page 2
Health	Page 3
News	Page 4
Culture	Page 5
Youth	Page 6
Veterans	Page 7
Legislative	Page 8
Youth / Legals	Page 9
News	Page 10
Education	Page 11
Campaigns	Page 12
Notices	Page 13
Advertisements	Page 14
Announcements	Page 15
Good News	Page 16

Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

First Class  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 203  
Eau Claire, WI

HOKAK WORAK NEWSPAPER  
P.O. BOX 667  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

HOKAK WORAK NEWSPAPER  
TEL: (800) 472-3089 FAX: (715) 284-7852  
Please notify the Newspaper of any address changes or corrections

## Dear Tribal Members:

At any given time while looking over Legislative Meeting Minutes or listening at an Area Meeting or conversing amongst fellow Tribal members, one might ask, "Why did the Ho-Chunk Nation make a contribution to that?"

There are seemingly as many reasons for allocating funds to various causes as there are causes. More often than not, a vital need has been demonstrated. In the case with a recent \$5,000 charitable contribution to the Stateline Boys and Girls Clubs located in Beloit, it was for the following reasons.

The Legislature decided a long time ago – a Resolution that predates my own term in office – that the Ho-Chunk Nation would pursue its fourth site (a provision in our Gaming Compact) in the Beloit area. Upon becoming assigned to run point on this project by the Legislature, it was also decided that our approach would be strategic, pragmatic, thorough and deliberate.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has every intention of building

solid community relations with Beloit. We want to continue to build on our pre-existing image of major contributors to the local communities where we maintain Tribal operations. We want to continue our support of worthy causes and those causes that the local communities firmly embrace. In sum, we want the people of those communities to know and for them to expect that where there are Ho-Chunk operations, there are community leaders and good neighbors.

But we also strive to build strong personal relationships with those communities. We have been meeting regularly with City of Beloit officials, and we have struck up what we believe is a very productive and collaborative rapport. We probably still need to educate more people in and around Beloit on who we are as a people and as a government, but that effort will be ongoing. We have let them know that we are well aware of the economic hardship that this town has endured over the past several years, and that we are poised to lend a hand.

A major effort in "diving

into the community" and rubbing shoulders with civic-minded community members was to personally participate in this past Saturday evening's 26th Annual Benefit for the Stateline Boys and Girls Clubs. As a Top-tier sponsor, it is never enough to write a check and have our Nation's seal prominently displayed; it is imperative that the Nation maintains a presence. I was proud to represent this great Nation, and I was able to make substantial contacts that I will be cultivating into strong relationships that further enhance the image of the Ho-Chunk Nation in this region.

I trust that with the gravity of this issue and what it potentially means to the Ho-Chunk Nation from a socio-economic standpoint, Tribal members can say, "I understand why we made that contribution."

Respectfully,  
Daniel M. Brown  
Vice President

## DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

### APRIL 2011

April 11 – La Crosse, Chicago, Wittenberg & Baraboo  
April 12 – Tomah, Green Bay  
April 13 – BRF, Madison, & Wisconsin Rapids  
April 14 – Milwaukee, Indian Heights, St.Paul/Minneapolis

### MAY 2011

May 9- La Crosse, Chicago, Wittenberg & Baraboo  
May 10 – Tomah, Green Bay  
May 11 - BRF, Madison, & Wisconsin Rapids  
May 12 - Milwaukee, Indian Heights, St.Paul/Minneapolis

### JUNE 2011

June 13 – La Crosse, Chicago, Wittenberg & Baraboo  
June 14 - Tomah, Green Bay  
June 15 - BRF, Madison, Wisconsin Rapids  
June 16 - Milwaukee, Indian Heights, & St.Paul/Minneapolis

### JULY 2011

July 11 – La Crosse, Chicago, Wittenberg & Baraboo  
July 12 - Tomah, Green Bay  
July 13 - BRF, Madison, Wisconsin Rapids  
July 14 – Milwaukee, Indian Heights, & St.Paul/Minneapolis

## Greetings Relatives & Friends:

During the last month there has been much business because of the scheduled election of officials for the Ho-Chunk Nation government. There have been questions and confusion during this time. I have personally experienced frustration during the time of the confirmation process. Because my name (Betty Kingsley) did not ultimately appear on the ballot after being initially certified, I feel that an explanation is in order for those of you that had planned on voting for me and couldn't find my name on the ballot.

One of the requirements for confirmation is that each candidate is subject to a criminal background check. Though it does not specifically say in the Election Code that both state and federal backgrounds need to be completed, this is normally what is done. Pre-

paring for the recent election, there were a couple of us that could not get our fingerprints to print. In my case, I spent several weeks running back and forth to Compliance. I did the process again and again, at least five times. Finally, after the failure of my prints to register, a "name only" background request was sent to the Feds. Unfortunately, that process takes four to six weeks to complete and would you believe, the report came back at approximately 3:00 p.m. on March 9, the day after elections. I was notified the week before the election that my name would not be on the ballot because the report had not been received. You may call the Election Board at 715-284-8900 to confirm the accuracy of these facts.

I am writing to explain why my name was not on the ballot. I want to dispel any nega-

tive conclusions about the absence of my name. It was a condition beyond my control, the Election Board and the Compliance Office. I want to sincerely apologize for the confusion and the lack of time to let the people who wanted to vote for me, know that they could just write my name in. I hope that providing this written statement will assure that no future candidate will have the same experience.

For all of you that I could notify and voted for me, I send a humble thank you. I know that some of you were disappointed and didn't understand what happened. I sincerely apologize for this. Maybe, sometime in the future, you will once again have the chance to vote for me.

Sincerely,  
Betty Kingsley  
March 9, 2011

## Tips on pumping gas

*Many people around the world receive junk email and a gazillion forwarded emails. The information below is just that, a forwarded email that just might help save on money. Below are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon:*

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening.... your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role.

A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast

rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom. To have an impact, we need to reach literally millions of gas buyers. It's really simple to do.



### "Smoke" Bowling tournament Correction

Whoops, we made a mistake on that bowling date.  
The correct date is  
**April 23, 2011**

Just an update on the tournament, the top payout will be \$750.00 and \$150.00 per team. We do have raffle tickets for sale. Just see Jon, Deb, Vinnie, Jonette, James, Howard, Lynette, Laurette, Joe or Janette for more information.

**Raffle includes:**  
Ash basket, Pendleton (what, for a buck?!), and a whole lot of other items. Also, we will be having a breakfast buffet for our bowlers. This will be before the start of the tournament. Of course the karaoke will be part of the evening and BE CREATIVE for the bowling team shirt contest! This is our tenth year!



# Ten weeks to your first 5K

## — final weeks!

By Kathleen Clemons,  
Exercise Physiologist

Well here we are at the final two weeks. As I have said in the past, if you are struggling with a particular week just stay on that week until you feel you can progress to the next one. In this article I want to mention a couple things regarding running - good nutrition and shoes.

Good nutrition is important if you want to feel good before, during and after your run. You want to have a light meal 1 to 2 hours before you run. This gives you fuel for your run, just like you put

gas in your car to make it go. Some examples are whole wheat toast and peanut butter, milk and fruit or something like oatmeal with some nuts and milk. Also, don't ever try a new food or sports drink prior to your organized 5K. Always test it out on your body before a race. Some food can cause stomach upset and that can ruin your race. For a 3 mile race, water is going to be your best bet for hydration as long as you ate a couple hours before the run. Some of the sports drinks have too much sugar in them and again, this can upset your

stomach. After you run, it is suggested to have some carbohydrate and protein within 45 minutes to allow your body to recover properly. This could be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or simply a glass of chocolate milk.

For shoes, it is a good idea to get new running shoes about every 6 months. When you get accustomed to running, you will know when you need shoes because you will feel it in your body. If you have been running and are all of a sudden having ankle pain, shin splints, knee pain, hip pain or back pain, think about when you last bought shoes - this can be the reason for all those problems. The problems have a way of starting low and working their way up the body - it is called the kinetic chain or movement chain. These problems can also be caused by other things so see a doctor if you feel you need to - better safe than sorry.

Good luck with your running! If you want to continue on and work towards

a 10K, let me know. The program I am using is actually designed to help someone do a half-marathon so it just keeps progressing over 20-24 weeks. Call if you have questions (715-284-9851, ext 5308) and hope to see you out at the Louella Blackdeer Run on Memorial Weekend.

### Week 9

**Monday** - Rest

**Tuesday** - Warm up walk 10 minutes. Jog 1.25 miles. Walk 5 minutes. Jog 1.5 miles

**Wednesday** - Walk/jog for 35 minutes. Walk 1 minute, jog 6 minutes. Repeat this pattern until you reach 35 minutes.

**Thursday** - Warm up walk 10 minutes. Jog 2.25 miles. Cool down 10 minutes

**Friday** - rest or cross-train

**Saturday** - Long run. Warm up walk 10 minutes. Jog 2.5 miles, cool down 10 minutes.

**Sunday** - If fatigued, just run 1-2 miles, simply walk for 30 minutes or rest

### Week 10

**Monday** - Rest

**Tuesday** - Warm up walk 10 minutes. Jog 1.5 miles. 5 minute walk. Jog 1.75 miles.

**Wednesday** - Walk jog for 40 minutes. Walk 1 minute, jog 7 minutes. Repeat pattern until you reach 40 minutes.

**Thursday** - Warm up 10 minutes. Jog 2.75 miles, 10 minute cool-down

**Friday** - Rest or cross-train

**Saturday** - Long run. Warm up 10 minute walk. Jog 3 miles, 10 minutes cool down walk

**Sunday** - Run whatever distance you are comfortable with or simply walk for 30 minutes

*It is always recommended to ask your physician if a running program would be safe for you. The Ho-Chunk Nation or Exercise Services is not responsible for any injuries or unforeseen circumstances that may occur by you voluntarily participating in this program.*

## Diabetes BASICS

Offered at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and the House of Wellness



Submitted by Kathy E. Braaten - Community Health Nutritionist

Diabetes BASICS is a complete diabetes education curriculum adopted by the Ho-Chunk Health Department. It is open to Native Americans who have diabetes or pre-diabetes. BASICS includes topics such as what diabetes is, monitoring blood sugars and preventing complications, meal planning and exercise, heart health, and goal setting. Participants also have the opportunity to talk to others who are dealing with diabetes and to learn from their experiences.

Diabetes BASICS consists of a series of six classes, over the course of about six months. We do ask that participants commit to attending all six classes, but make-up days are available for those times when a class has to be missed. Helpful tools are

offered at each class, such as exercise equipment, a Diabetes Portion Plate and carbohydrate counter, and a medical ID bracelet. For attending all six classes, participants also receive a pair of the Nike N7 shoes developed for Native Americans.

New classes start every month at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in BRF. New classes start every 3 months at the House of Wellness. Classes will be starting in early summer in Tomah and Wittenberg. For anyone interested in attending, please contact our Data Manager at 1-888-685-4422 Ext. 5359.

Before starting the classes, attendants need to fill out a questionnaire and ensure they have current labwork, which our Data Manager can assist with. We hope to see you!

*Having the knowledge to manage your diabetes is the first step to living well with it.*

## Share the Care Cancer Conference 2011

Submitted by Louise Voss

The Share the Care Cancer Conference is almost here. This annual event which was hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation last year will be hosted by Forest County Potawatomi this year.

It will be held at their casino and convention center in Cranston, WI. The dates for the event will be Tuesday May 3rd to Wednesday May 4th. The conference is free of charge.

If you are interested in attending the conference contact Toni Pettibone at the Black River Falls TAU at 715-284-0811. Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis and you must have someone to share the room with.

The cut-off date for registering for rooms is April 22nd.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Apr. 8th, which will be published on Apr. 15th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

### Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

#### Diabetes Learning Circle

April 2011

#### Date

#### Topic

April 7

No Learning Circle - Diabetes Conference in Wis. Dells

April 21

Community Member Sharing Successes

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:

Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335

The Hocak Worak is a periodical published twice monthly by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Editorials and articles appearing in the Hocak Worak are the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or attitude of the Hocak Worak staff or the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Hocak Worak encourages the submission of letters to the Editor. All letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters are subject to editing for grammar, length, malicious and libelous content.

The Hocak Worak reserves the right to reject any advertising, material, or letters submitted for publication. The submission of articles, poetry, artwork and photos is encouraged. The Editor makes the sole decision of what is published in the Hocak Worak. The Hocak Worak will not assume any responsibility for unsolicited material.

Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

EDITOR .....Tracy Pecore  
STAFF WRITER .....John Kozlowicz  
STAFF WRITER .....Sara L. Peterson  
Administrative Assistant .....Anna Reichenbach

The Hocak Worak is a member of:

The Native American Journalist Association



#### HOCOK WORAK NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

• PHONE: (800) 472-3089

• FAX: (715) 284-7852

• E-MAIL:

tracy.pecore@ho-chunk.com

• ONLINE:

www.ho-chunknation.com

# The Nation's conservation effort awarded

*Recognition given to habitat conservation and restoration projects*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

At the Bureau of Indian Affairs Circle of Flight Program Meeting, held February 23 at Lac du Flambeau, the Ho-Chunk Nation was awarded the Secretary of the Department of the Interior's Partners in Conservation Award.

The award recognizes the Nation's contributions in habitat conservation and restoration through collaboration and partnering. The Circle of Flight reports that the Nation has 12,636 acres in its land base; including 2,000 of forest, 1,643 acres of wetland property and 45 miles

of streams and rivers.

The Nation's projects have included wetland restoration, stream bank repair, fish habitat improvement and prairie planting on several properties including White Otter in Juneau County, Wogisapi in La Crosse and Monroe Counties, Kickapoo in Vernon County, Gleason in Kenosha County and Parmenter in Jackson County.

The Nation partnered with various organizations to complete the projects. Some of the partners included the BIA, United State Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, LMS Construction, Legacy Bogs LLC, Dell Creek Priority Watershed, Juneau County Land Conservation Department, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and Golden Sands RC & D.

Randy Poelma, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Environmental Health Aquatic Biologist, stated "The Nation



Randy Poelma (left) accepts the Partners in Conservation Award on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation. With Randy is Tammie Poitra, BIA Deputy Director of Trust and Mic Isham, a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council.

is a proud partner in the BIA Circle of Flight Program. The program encourages us to use collaboration and partnering to achieve exceptional conservation goals. We've been able to improve and restore many

important natural resources in Wisconsin through this program and we look forward to doing more in the future."



The Ho-Chunk Nation Circle of Flight Program was recognized for its conservation achievements.

## Building relationships through tribal tourism

*Wisconsin tribes partner with surrounding communities*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Throughout Wisconsin, the state's 11 Native Tribes are working with each other and their surrounding communities to expand the tourism opportunities that learning more about each tribe's culture, history, tradition and surrounding lands provide. The Oneida Nation is currently the only Wisconsin tribe with a Department of Tourism but throughout the state, Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) representatives are focusing on new ways to share their history with the general public.

Formed as a state wide initiative in 1994, NATOW promotes tourism by providing information on current events, pow-wows, cultural sites, gaming properties and the experience that visiting Wisconsin's Indian Country can provide.

The reservations of the 11 tribes occupy nearly 500,000 acres in the state. Within these borders are pristine lakes, rivers and streams, towering forests, ancient rice beds and abundant forest wildlife.

As NATOW works to promote its mission of "Preserving our past. Sharing our future," it welcomes visitors to learn more about the traditions, stories and culture that make

Wisconsin a place to learn about the history of Native people.

At the Annual Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism, held March 6-8 in Wisconsin Dells, NATOW Advisory Committee members Jim Reiter-Menominee, Carmen Brady-Sokaogon Mole Lake and Aimee Juan-St.Croix, led a roundtable discussion that explained some of the opportunities for building relationships with Native communities in Wisconsin.

Reiter, who also serves as the General Manager of Menominee Casino & Convention Center, stated that over the years he has worked with other tribes and organizations in an effort to bring tourists to Menominee. Working with the Oneida Nation and Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, the Menominee succeeded in bringing tourists from Europe and Asia to Wisconsin.

Reiter continued that because the Menominee Casino and other attractions are in a rural setting, he needs to work closely with the local Chamber of Commerce to help bring visitors to the area. "We depend on buses more than the larger casinos. We need the local community to help us promote our businesses. The partnership focuses on bringing people to the area. Our job is to get them (visitors) to spend time at our

place."

Brady explained that part of NATOW's mission is for each tribe to share with the public and with the other tribes their history, culture and traditions. She said that working with other tribes has provided her the opportunity to learn about other cultures and what other tribes are doing to promote their non-gaming tourism attractions. "We all do things differently and we're looking to partner and grow with each other," she said.

Juan stated that the St.Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa promotes its attractions through the Minneapolis/St.Paul media. "We also partner with our local community and meet monthly with surrounding communities to establish our area as a destination," she added.

The three panelists agreed that each tribe in Wisconsin offers something unique to those visiting tribal lands and that by working with NATOW, each other and local communities, each tribe can more effectively market its natural and cultural resources.

This year's NATOW Conference that will include sessions on Green Tourism, will be hosted by the Lac Courte Oreilles at the LCO Casino, Lodge and Convention Center May 1-3. For more information, visit [www.NATOW.org](http://www.NATOW.org).



Attendees at the NATOW workshop learn the importance of building relationships with other tribes and the nearby communities.

### NOTICE OF VACANCY

**The Ho-Chunk Nation TERO Commission is seeking applications.**

#### Duties:

Carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with the policy of Indian Preference in employment and in contracting, as established by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The Commission shall be free from interference from any branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government in carrying out their duties under this Ordinance.

Adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations and to develop and implement policies and guidelines necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

Adopt bylaws and internal rules to govern the activities and procedures of the Commission.

Serve in an advisory capacity to the TERO and meet the program staff for the purpose of securing information relative to its advisory duties.

#### Qualifications:

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Knowledge and familiarity with the TERO Ordinance

Knowledge and understanding of employment issues

Business experience, Board experience and flexible scheduling are beneficial.

Application Deadline:  
**April 15, 2011**

Interested applicants may obtain a TERO Commissioner Application from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor. Return the application along with your resume, a copy of your Tribal I.D. and Valid Driver's License and Proof of Insurance to the Tero Department no later than 4:00 PM on April 15, 2011. The application may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation  
Department of Labor  
ATTN: TERO DIRECTOR  
PO BOX 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615



# Basket Biography Leola Rockman

Submitted by  
Gloria Visintin

Leola Rockman is a master basket weaver of 8 basket forms. Leola has experience in pounding the black ash log and is skilled in material preparation. Leola has full knowledge of dying and coloring the baskets in her basket designs. Leola was taught her basket weaving at the age of 30 and has 20 years of experience in basket weaving. Leola was taught her art by Corene Soldier, her aunt Exhilda Stone and by her relative Christine Hall. Leola was taught in the vicinity of Wittenberg at the homes of her teachers. Leola has 4 brothers and 3 sons. Her brothers and sisters did not learn basket making.

Although her youngest son Josh also makes baskets and does her ash log pounding, Leola's purpose for making baskets was, "to be like my relatives and identify with my Ho-Chunk culture." Leola stated that she still makes

baskets, "because I love to... it's our tradition... it's what I know."

Leola is one of the 6 women out of a membership of 7000 Hochungra who mastered the skill of black ash pounding to prepare the basket making materials. Leola can pound and finish a log in 74 to 100 hours and can strip and finish black ash tree preparation in 1 to 2 days. Leola can finish a pencil or wastebasket in 4 hours. Leola can pound a black ash tree and finish a basket in approximately 102 hours depending on the type and size of the basket. Leola has started her art at a mature

time of her life and produces very fine baskets showing excellent design quality. Her 3 teachers were some of the most experienced and quality basket makers in the tribe and Leola's work reflects every bit of her teacher's finesse though she started learning a little bit later than most basket makers. Leola is the best example of a dedicated student who can achieve exceptional skill through her own hard work and dedication. The basket that Leola can make in the fastest time is a pencil

or waste basket in 4 hours. The basket form which takes the longest time for her to make is a sewing basket with a cover in 10 to 12 hours. Leola states that the worst basket that she has ever made was her first one at the age of 32. (It is difficult to imagine Leola making a "worst basket". The beautiful ash baskets she weaves today are refined, intricate, and excellently made, showing a high level of expertise though she started learning at a mature age.) Leola is proud to say the best basket she ever made was a large sewing basket with a cover.

Leola does not have any



**Leola Rockman, a resourceful artist creating beauty and quality in one of the most unique art forms called basketry.**

problems in basket making today because she is young, strong and highly proficient in every phase of the basket making art. It is rare today to have a Hochungra basket maker of her status and talent as an artist. Leola has achieved her accomplishments at a time when it is rare

to find a black ash tree expert, especially in a woman, and has become a resourceful artist creating beauty and quality in one of the unique art forms of the world.

Note: Due to a series of articles on basketry, this article was written on May 13, 2010.



# Basket Biography Christian Roth

Submitted by  
Gloria Visintin

Christian Roth is the youngest of the Hochungra basket artists at 41 years of age. Chris has been taught in the art of basket making since he was 12 years of age in the vicinity of Wittenberg, Wisconsin and has 29 years of proven techniques. Chris is a weaving master of 5 basket forms as well as mastering the acquisition of the black ash tree and the preparation of materials for weaving. Chris is one of 4 known tree experts in a tribe of 7000 members. Chris was taught by Corene Soldier and Palmer Soldier, his parents. Chris's great-grandmother, Alice Warclub Big Thunder was also the teacher for Violet Big Thunder White Wing, the current eldest basket maker of the Hochungra who was taught over 80 years ago. Palmer Soldier taught Chris tree preparation and also the craft of carved wood handle mak-

ing. Chris's mother Correne Soldier taught him the arts of design and weaving. Chris enjoys the art of basket making and states that the purpose for basket making was to "learn the art of basket making, material preparation, and to follow in the footsteps of my ancestors, so I, too, could hand down the knowledge of an age old art."

Chris has 2 sisters who learned the fundamentals of basket weaving and 1 brother who learned log preparation. Chris's siblings do not practice basket making today. Chris Roth thinks that the Hochungra should continue the arts and skills of basket making because "it's an art handed down from generation to generation, if they don't it will be lost." Chris said as long as he has the materials he would continue the art because he enjoys it and also makes "extra cash"

Chris has learned the treasured and difficult work of tree preparation and can usually accomplish the physically demanding task in 4 days. He can weave a basket in (depending on size and type) in 5 hours. It would suffice to say that Chris possesses the

astounding ability of a master weaver who can prepare a tree and have a basket finished in 57 hours. Chris states that the basket he can make in the fastest time is a "small pencil basket", the basket which takes him the longest time to make is the "sewing basket with a cover"; the best basket he ever made was "a large kettle basket". Chris adds that the worst basket he ever made was "a small fruit bowl." Chris says he must deal with the following problems when he does his work, "cutting warps and wefts evenly, at length of time, time is always a factor too."

Chris Roth is truly a "renaissance man" who was born into a new era which necessitates the need to be skilled in many things, not only in the modern world at large, but specifically in Hochungra basket making where survival of Hochungra basket making depends on greater knowledge than ever before. Chris Roth is one of our last great artists of the Hochungra basket makers, it is hoped he will continue his priceless effort to prevail "in the footsteps of my ancestors" in the endless pursuit of the Hochungra culture.

Note: Due to a series of articles on basketry, this article was written on March 23, 2010.



*"In the early beginnings of the Ho-Chunk people, the young men and women were trained to fast, see visions and dream dreams. Their hearts and minds purified by meditation and prayer. Their minds opened for knowledge and wisdom. The Ho-Chunk maiden was given special vision and this vision was of basket weaving. Basket making has come a long way. Basket weaving has been passed from generation to generation to this day."* - Correne Soldier

(Pictured: Chris Roth and his mother Correne)



# New American Indian Resource Center grand opening

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On March 15, a Grand opening took place in Marathon County for a new non-profit organization established for Central Wisconsin American Indians to enhance lives of American Indian people and the community through culture and education for all 11 tribes in Wisconsin and for all those interested.

In order for this event to take place, brainstorming began back in December of 2010 with four highly motivated individuals who have seen the need for the American Indian Resource

Center. The Board of Directors are Dylan Prescott, Kelly Knudsen, Joey Daniels, and Naomi Peters.

All four of the board members have wanted to open an Indian Center since the Central Wisconsin Indian Center closed in 2004. Knudsen said, "My son is Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi, and has been struggling in high school. On the reservation, he would have access to cultural and educational resources that urban Native people don't have." She also said after visiting with Ho-Chunk tribal member, Bonnie Prescott, who worked for the Central WI Indian Center,

she suggested writing grants for tutoring help. After some research, Knudsen realized they needed to be a nonprofit to receive grants, and so the research began by looking on the internet and several trips to the library.

Since December 10, 2010, the board members have been meeting every Tuesday to discuss how their dream would come true in Marathon County for Native families. Just three months later with a lot of hard work, motivation and dedication, the American Indian Resource Center held its first silent auction bringing in approximately 1,700 dollars on February 27, and held their Grand opening on March 15.

"Nearly 60 percent of American Indians reside off the reservation and face many hardships and unique challenges compared to non-Indians living in the same area. AIRC will be offering youth, cultural, educational, career, and elder programs. We will also focus on creating connections and developing understanding between Indians and non-Indians, within the community," said AIRC board members.



A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the beginning of a new learning opportunity for Natives living in Central Wisconsin. Chamber of Commerce members (in red) congratulate the AIRC on becoming a non-profit organization in Marathon County (prior to the ribbon cutting). AIRC members (L-R) in non-red clothing: Joey Daniels, Dylan Prescott, Kelly Knudsen, and Naomi Peters.

"In the Central WI area (or just in Wausau alone) there are 115 students whose parents reported their students as American Indian or Alaskan Native," said Knudsen and mentioned, "At our first informational meeting we had 25 plus adults and 13 students signed up for educational services and programs."

For more information about

after school programs and tutoring services, contact Kelly Knudsen at kelly@indiancenterwausau.org. For financial donations and enquiries regarding domestic violence programs, contact Joey Daniels at joey@indiancenterwausau.org. For general enquiries, you may email the AIRC at info@indiancenterwausau.org.



Planners and contributors to the Resource Center celebrate a job well done and a plaque recognizing the value of the services offered to the community.

## Boys & Girls Club Benefits from Ho-Chunk donation

Submitted by  
Anne Thundercloud

The Stataline Boys and Girls Club was thrilled to receive a \$5,000 donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation. The contribution will be used to help the organization fund important youth programs in the Beloit community.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation donation is a much appreciated and needed contribution to our organization," said Frederick Buggs, Stataline Boys & Girls Clubs Chief Professional Officer. "The donation will help us continue to provide our youth development programming, including character and leadership development, education and

career development, health and life skills, sports and fitness skills, and the arts. We depend on donations, like the Ho-Chunk Nation's, to provide even more positive learning opportunities for the children we serve."

"We laud the work being done by the Clubs' leadership, staff and supporters on behalf of local youth," said Ho-Chunk Nation spokesperson Anne Thundercloud. "It is our commitment not only to the youth of today but to future generations that drives the Ho-Chunk Nation and our people. We take pride in the investments and contributions we make to local communities to improve education, support young people, and provide

jobs and opportunities for families across the state."

Each year, the Stataline Boys & Girls Clubs serves more than 3,000 kids in the greater Beloit area. Its core programs are designed to build physical, emotional, social and cultural competencies in youth.

"We feel it is our duty as a good neighbor in Wisconsin to help organizations like the Stataline Boys & Girls Club," said Thundercloud. "We believe that through partnership, cooperation, and good old-fashioned hard work, the Ho-Chunk Nation will have a positive impact on the Beloit area and become a long-term community partner."



Ho-Chunk Nation Vice-President Dan Brown with Fred D. Buggs, Chief Professional Officer of the Stataline Boys and Girls Club at the fundraising event.

## Energy drinks pose a risk

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

Four Loko, one of many new energy drinks to be marketed for retail contains anywhere from 7 percent to 12 percent alcohol. Blackout in a can or whatever you call it, the potentially dire consequences to your health are there. These alcoholic energy drinks, along with many non-alcoholic energy drinks are causing the FDA to take notice and investigate the companies that manufacture the drink. Four Loko comes in a 23.5 ounce can, and contains more alcohol than a 6 pack of beer and enough caffeine for several cups of coffee.

Energy drinks are beverages intended to infuse

the consumer with vigor and vitality. They attempt to accomplish this with an amalgamation of caffeine, B vitamins and various herbal ingredients. Other common elements include guarana, taurine, ginseng, maltodextrin, inositol, carnitine, creatine and ginkgo biloba. Many of these drinks also contain high levels of sugar, although recently the sugar-free versions have experienced increased popularity.

The most active ingredient in these drinks is caffeine. Contrary to popular belief, most only contain around the same amount of caffeine as your average cup of coffee (80 mg of caffeine). But,

some new energy drinks have started packing as much as 300mg of caffeine. Alone, these beverages seem as harmless as a can of soda, but what happens when it's mixed with alcohol?

In the wake of an epidemic at American Universities, the FDA moves to ban all alcoholic energy drinks. Universities across the United States are feeling the effects of the new drink of choice. Alcohol infused energy drinks have been linked to several deaths in the US, as well as in other countries.

Another possibility is that energy drinks actively contribute to problem drinking. If mixed with alcohol -- a common practice

among college students -- caffeine-laden energy drinks can prolong drinking sessions and mask the feeling of drunkenness, potentially raising the risk for dangerous binges and behavior. (This has been the main concern with caffeinated alcoholic beverages, including Four Loko.)

The dangers aren't strictly to the canned combination, but also to clubs and nightclubs where popular drink combinations such as Red Bull and Vodka, and Jager Bombs are popular throughout the states.

The FDA is expected to make a statement on caffeine being an unsafe additive to alcohol. The ultimate goal



Brightly labeled cans of Four Loko seem specifically targeted toward the younger generation.

is to remove the alcoholic version of energy drinks from stores counters all over the United States. The White House Drug Policy Director Gil Kerlikowske has stated, "These products are designed, branded, and promoted to encourage binge drinking, and I commend the FDA for acting promptly to curb their sale."



# Women's History Month

WASHINGTON - Mar. 7, 2011

The Department of Veterans Affairs joins with the nation to observe Women's History Month in March by recognizing and honoring women Veterans.

"Duty. Honor. Pride. These words reflect the spirit of generations of American women who have sought to defend the rights and freedom of others," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "The history of women in the armed forces began more than 220 years ago with women who served during the American Revolution and continues through the present day. VA is honored to serve these women who have contributed so much to our Nation."

Women Veterans are one of the fastest growing segments of the Veteran population. Of the 22.7 million living Veterans, more than 1.8 million are women. They comprise nearly 8 percent of the total Veteran population and 6 percent of all Veterans who use VA health care services.

VA estimates women Veterans will constitute 10 percent of the Veteran population by 2020 and 9.5 percent of VA patients.

In recent years, VA has undertaken a number of initiatives to create or enhance services for women Veterans, including the implementation of comprehensive primary care throughout the nation; staffing every VA medical center with a women veterans program manager and regional offices with a designated woman Veterans coordinator; supporting a multifaceted research program on women's health; improving communication and outreach to women Veterans; and continuing the operation of offices like the Center for Women Veterans and the Women Veterans Health Strategic Healthcare Care Group.

"During this observance of Women's History Month, let's remember the special contributions of the ever-increasing number of women serving in the armed forces," said Tammy Duckworth, assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs. She noted that women currently make up more than 14 percent of the active-duty military and 18 percent of the Guard and Reserves.

VA has 43 women's memorials and monuments at its National Cemeteries across

the country. Additionally, several notable women are buried in VA National Cemeteries, including Chief Specialist Evelyn B. (Ulrich) Einfeldt, a Navy World War II Veteran who was one of the 67 Navy "WAVES"

involved in Operation Magic. She assisted with the assembly of BOMBE (Enigma), a machine to decode German and Japanese transmissions. She was laid to rest at the Fort Sill National Cemetery on April 6, 2006.

Lillian Kinkela Keil, an Air Force flight nurse pioneer, is buried at the Riverside National Cemetery. She flew 425 combat missions and took part in 11 major campaigns, including the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge in World War II and the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in Korea. One of the most decorated women in American military history, she was awarded 19 medals.

For more information about VA programs and services for women Veterans, please visit: [www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet) or <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/> and [www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth).

Important information  
about the \$3.4 billion

## Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders,  
Owners of land held in trust or restricted status,  
or their heirs

### What is this About?

After 14 years, there is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*. The class action settles claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands.

### Who is Included?

The Settlement includes Indians who:

- Had an IIM account anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009,
- Had an individual interest in trust land as of September 30, 2009, or
- Are heirs to deceased IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status.

### What Does the Settlement Provide?

- \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Settlement.
- \$1.9 billion to buy small interests in trust or restricted land to benefit Indian communities.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships for Indian youth.

### How Much Money Can I Get?

- Most people included in the Settlement will get at least \$1,500. Others may receive more or less based on the terms of the Settlement.
- If you are currently receiving an IIM account statement you do not have to do anything to get a payment.
- If you are not currently receiving an IIM account statement and you believe you are included in the Settlement, call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

For more information about the Settlement and your legal rights,  
(You have until April 20, 2011 to act on some of these rights)

Call: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com)

## Vietnam Veterans Day



Wisconsin Governor signing the Vietnam Veteran's Day Bill on July 20, 2009

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland Signs Proclamation on March 10, 2010, in recognition of the sacrifices made by our veterans do hereby proclaim from this day forward the 29<sup>th</sup> of March will be recognized as Vietnam Veterans Day

**COME JOIN US MARCH 29, 2011 AT THE HO-CHUNK NATION EXECUTIVE BUILDING AT 9:00 A.M. TO THANK AND HONOR OUR VIETNAM VETERANS**

CALL TO ORDER – MASTER OF CEREMONIES – ROBERT MANN  
ANDREW BLACKHAWK AMERICAN LEGION POST 129 – COLORS

FLAG SONG – IRON MOUND

PRAYER OFFERED BY – GORDON THUNDER

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERT MANN

GUEST SPEAKER – THUY SMITH, CO-AUTHOR OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS DAY BILL

SERVICE SONGS – IRON MOUND

CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY – POST 129 AUXILIARY

### Ho-Chunk Nation Project S.A.F.E House Advisory Board Meeting

Saturday, April 16, 2011  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

HCN Community Supportive  
Services Building  
W9036 Hwy 54  
Black River Falls  
(Old Ho-Chunk Credit Union)  
next to Whitetail Crossing-BRF  
715-284-2622 Ext. 5135 ask for  
Sherri Larsen



**EAGLE/NON EAGLE  
FEATHER & OTHER  
BODY PARTS  
INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING**

**APRIL 13, 2011**  
3:00 P.M.

CHAKH-HAH-CHEE  
COMMUNITY CENTER

A meal will be provided, hosted  
by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.  
Please call 715-284-9343 X1286  
for further information

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES – BLACK RIVER  
FALLS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
10:00 A.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Cleveland at 10:13am.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland  
Vice President Daniel Brown  
(10:15am)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer

Rep. Douglas Greengrass (ex)

Rep. Clarence Pettibone

Rep. Roberta Decorah (ex)

Rep. James Greendee (ex)

Rep. John Holst

Rep. Hope Smith

Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.

Rep. Greg Littlejohn

Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (ex)

Rep. Robert TwoBears (ex)

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum is Established

**IV. OPENING PRAYER:** Memorial of the life of Alvin Cloud. Prayer offered by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit.

VP Brown arrived 10:15am

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Walker to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Legislative Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2011 were read by Recording Secretary Tracy Littlejohn.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2011 with corrections and to restrict the number of Legislators attending approved conferences to 2(two) to ensure the continuity of Legislative business by avoiding quorum issues. Second by Rep. Holst. Friendly amendment offered by Rep. Littlejohn to change from 2 to 3 Legislators attending conferences. Friendly amendment accepted. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration Committee** – February 10, 2011 The Administration Committee Meeting minutes of February 10, 2011 were read by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Administration Committee minutes of February 10, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Smith. 5-0-3 (Walker, Pettibone, Blackdeer) Motion carried.

**VIII. REPORTS**

Law Enforcement Commission and Police Department – *Cecelia Kraus*

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table. Second by VP Brown. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Black River Falls Fire Agreement 2011 – *M. Murphy*

**MOTION** by VP Brown to approve Resolution 2/22/11A, *Authorizing Funding and Approving Agreement for Fire Services to Black River Falls Trust Properties* with correction to typographical error. Second by Rep. Pettibone. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Littlejohn to authorize VP Daniel Brown to sign the Fire Services Agreement. Second by Rep. Holst. 6-0-2 (Brown, Pettibone) Motion carried.

Resolution – Quick Passage Amendment to Legislative Organization Act – *M. Murphy*  
There was discussion of the wording to clarify when executive session items would be approved

for release.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table for further clarification. Second by VP Brown. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Restricted Elder Funds update – *Becky Albert*  
Financial Examiner Becky Albert introduced and summarized several scenarios for HOF funding considering elder suspensions.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the Restricted Elder Funds scenarios providing for 10 home approvals for consideration in the following FY. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-1 (Smith)-0 Motion carried.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

Basket Weaving- Gloria Visintin – *Rep. Walker, Jr.*

**MOTION** by VP Brown to strike this item as a result of the issue being handled by the Heritage Preservation Department. Second by Rep. Holst. 6-0-2 (Smith, LoneTree-Whiterabbit) Motion carried.

Resolution – Quick Passage for Code of Ethics Board – *M. Murphy*  
Rep. Blackdeer left room at 11:33am.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve resolution 2/22/11B, *Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Code of Ethics Act Regarding Board Representation from District 1 and 4*. Second by Rep. Smith. 7-0-0 Motion carried (Blackdeer out of room)

**MOTION** by Rep. Littlejohn to approve resolution 2/22/11C, *Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Code of Ethics Act Clarifying Reference to District 2 Area Meeting*. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion carried (Blackdeer out of room)

**MOTION** by Rep. Holst to approve resolution 2/22/11D, *Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Code of Ethics Act Regarding the Description of Districts by Number*. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 7-0-0 Motion carried. (Blackdeer out of room)

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve resolution 2/22/11E, *Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Code of Ethics Act Regarding Quorum and ByLaws*. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-0-0 Motion carried (Blackdeer out of room)

Resolution – Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case WV11-001 – *M. Murphy*

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve resolution 2/22/11F, *Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV11-001*. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-0-0 Motion carried (Blackdeer out of room)

Rep. Blackdeer returned to room at 11:41am.

Rep. Pettibone left room at 11:42am

Great Lake Inter-Tribal Council Membership Dues

**MOTION** by Rep. Walker to approve the payment of GLITC Membership dues in the amount of \$5,000. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 7-0-0 Motion carried (Pettibone out of room)

Indirect Cost Proposal – *Kathryn Young*  
Kathryn Young, Treasurer, yielded the floor to Treasury Department Employees Chris Drevs and Diane Wilde to summarize the presented Indirect Cost Proposal.

Rep. Pettibone returned to room at 11:45am.

Rep. Walker left room at 11:45am.

Rep. Smith left room at 11:49am

Quorum lost

Rep. Walker returned to room at 11:49

Quorum re-established

Rep. Walker expressed appreciation to Mr. Drevs and Ms. Wilde for their work on the proposal.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table approval and request a resolution and cover letter be prepared to accompany the Indirect Cost Proposal. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

VP Brown left room at 11:53am  
Bureau of Indian Affairs Consultation Policy –

*Rep. TwoBears*

VP Brown returned to room at 11:54am

Rep. Holst left room at 12:06pm

**MOTION** by Rep. Littlejohn to table the BIA Consultation item. Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 7-0-0 Motion carried. (Holst out of room)

Yakama Tribe Fire Relief  
Rep. Smith explained the recent wildfire tragedy that hit the Yakama Tribe. Youth General Council has already begun fundraising efforts. Rep. Holst returned to room at 12:08pm.

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith to donate \$5,000 to the Yakama Tribe to help with the families affected by the wildfire. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-1 (Brown)-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Littlejohn to break for lunch until 1:15pm. Second by Rep. Walker. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Recessed at 12:20pm  
Reconvened at 1:27pm

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland

Vice President Daniel Brown

Rep. Greg Blackdeer

Rep. Douglas Greengrass (ex)

Rep. Clarence Pettibone

Rep. Roberta Decorah (ex)

Rep. James Greendee (ex)

Rep. John Holst

Rep. Hope Smith (1:42pm)

Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.

Rep. Greg Littlejohn

Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (ex)

Rep. Robert TwoBears (ex)

Quorum established.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to add Recognition Citation to the agenda. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

District Concerns  
District 1 – BRF – Andi Jo Cloud resigned from the Election Board. Sandy Blackdeer was chosen by the District to fill the alternate vacancy.

**MOTION** by Rep. Pettibone to accept the resignation of Andi Jo Cloud and the appointment of Sandy Blackdeer to take her place on the Election Board. Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Pettibone to approve the selection of Faye White to the Housing Board for District 1. Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

Discussion of a request by Elder Velma Lewis to provide one pounded log per month for her basketweaving for 5 months.

**MOTION** by Rep. Pettibone to refer the request to provide pounded logs to Velma Lewis for 5months to the OOP. Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

District 2

La Crosse –

**MOTION** by Rep. Holst to refer a motion to the Finance Committee asking for an additional \$16,000 to be found and approved for the La Crosse Pow-wow. Second by VP Brown. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

Tomah-

**MOTION** by Rep. Holst to refer the request for a special General Council to the Office of the President. Second by VP Brown. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

Baraboo –

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer the request for a historical report regarding the Children's Trust Funds, provided to the District at the next area meeting and published in the Hocak Worak to the Financial Examiner. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

A District 2 candidate forum to be held on February 28, 2011 at 5:30 pm was read for the record.

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer the request to provide maternity leave for contract employees to the Administrative Committee. Second by Rep. Holst. 5-1 (Littlejohn)-1 (LoneTree-Whiterabbit) Motion carried.

Madison –

**MOTION** by Rep. Holst to refer the request for GCA to establish a criteria/procedure for organizing the GC agenda to the GCA. Second by VP Brown. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

Rep. Smith arrived 1:42pm

**MOTION** by Rep. Holst to refer the request for a copy of the feasibility study of the DesPlaines IL project for the March 16 2011 meeting to Legal Counsel to request from Niche. Second by VP Brown. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

A supportive motion of a request made at a Baraboo meeting regarding the Children's Trust Fund was read for the record.

District 3

Wittenberg –

None

Green Bay –

**MOTION** by Rep. Walker for enrollment agenda items to be referred to GCA. Second by VP Brown. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Wisconsin Rapids –

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith to refer Indigenous Games Sponsorship to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Walker. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith to refer a request for the purchase of YMCA passes for Wood County tribal members to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Walker. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith to refer a request for a \$49,000 donation to the Wood County YMCA to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-0-1 (Littlejohn) Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith to refer a request for \$5,000 to the Chak hah Chee Basketball team to attend a tournament in Yakama to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Walker. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Wisconsin Dells –  
Read for the record was a motion that Legislators serving out their remaining terms are not allowed out of state travel without approval from the areas.

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith that Legislators not be allowed to go on any out of state travel without the approval of the areas due to budget constraints and budget hearings. Second by Rep. Walker. 3-4 (Littlejohn, Holst, LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Blackdeer)-1 (Pettibone) Motion defeated.

**MOTION** by Rep. Smith to accept the selection of Rebecca Pidgeon as the Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 4-0-4 (LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Blackdeer, Pettibone, Holst) Motion Carried.

District 4 – The area rescinded their motion to give out vendor list but not give million dollars to Troy Rave without a business (plan) taken to all areas for approval.

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer a motion to have Karena (Nichols) talk to Dr. Alec Thunderclou

about writing a grant for that urban area for programs to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer a motion to request Marie Lewis look into budget in getting Milwaukee Tesisik Ho-Chunk Elders in Milwaukee a driver just for Elders for appointments, outings and necessary outings needed to TAU. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer the motion for housing assistance for people with children and child care to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer the motion to place CRTF under GCA to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by VP Brown to refer the motion for a 120 day review of resolutions to GCA. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

The motion to have the historical record of the Children's Trust Fund be available for review by Tribal members was read for the record.

District 5

MSP –

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the motion to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Billing Loss Report provided to the Area Members to the Financial Examiner. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit for the Legislature to develop a Standard Operating Procedure for the Due Diligence Process included in the Legislative Organization Act. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the support of the Osseo High School request to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit read for the record a motion regarding the rescission for designation of cooks for the February meeting.

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit read for the record a motion to not commit any financing to Roush Fenway Racing.

Chicago – Not received.

Rep. Pettibone re-addressed District **MOTION** by Rep. Pettibone to approve an agreement with the Town of Brockway regarding the limits of law enforcement on HCN lands. Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Conference Approvals

**MOTION** by Rep. Littlejohn to deny conference requests. Second by VP Brown. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Rep. Walker left room at 2:40pm

Citation of Recognition – Recognition citation for Alvin Cloud.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve resolution 2/22/11G, *Recognition Citation in Recognition of Alvin Cloud*, with the change in the final line of "Resolution" to "Citation". Second by VP Brown. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve resolution 2/22/11H, *Submission of Indirect Cost Proposal*. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 7-0-0 Motion carried.

Rep. Walker returned to room at 2:45pm

**MOTION** by VP Brown to approve resolution 2/22/11I, *Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Legislative Organization Act Regarding Procedures for Executive Session*. Second by Rep. Pettibone. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Murphy explained he expected Rep. TwoBears would be requesting comments to be submitted for the BIA consultation item previously tabled.

Rep. Holst left room at 2:49pm.

**MOTION** by Rep. Littlejohn to table the BIA consultation item. Second by VP Brown. 7-0-0 Motion carried (Holst out of room)

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** by VP Brown to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Walker. 7-0-0 Motion carried. (Holst out of room)The meeting went into Executive Session at 2:50pm.

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 7-0-0 Motion carried. (Smith out room)

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion carried. (Smith out of room)

Rep. Smith returned to room at 4:50pm

**MOTION** by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve donating 25 cases of water from the Ho-Chunk Distribution Center to the Osseo High School American Indian Education Day to be paid for out of the Charitable Contributions line item. Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by VP Brown to adjourn to Wednesday March 9, 2011 in Wisconsin Dells at Ho-Chunk Gaming. Second by Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Consensus approval was made to rename a convention center room at Ho-Chunk Gaming- Wisconsin Dells in honor of Alvin Cloud. Meeting adjourned at 5p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

Tracy Littlejohn

Recording Secretary

**Ho-Chunk Housing & Community**

**Development Agency is in the**

**process of**

**developing a Montessori Childcare**

**Center in Black River Falls, WI.**

**Those interested in being a part of**

**the staff should begin looking into**

**Early Childhood Development classes**

**for certification.**

**We are projecting the center to**

**open by December of 2011.**

**Those interested in volunteering as a**

**Board member should contact**

**HHCA Grants Dept. at**

**(608) 374-1245**





# Black River Area Green School looking for a home

## Ho-Chunk controlled land a possible site

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

The planned construction of a new Black River Area Green School (BRAGS) is on hold. A March 8 decision by the Jackson County Park and Forestry Committee to deny the school's proposal to build a new school at the Wazee Lake Recreational Area has left BRAGS administrators looking for a new site.

In January, the Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$24,400 toward the building of a new school, money that BRAGS Principal Mark Weddig stated was the final step needed to build a new Environmental Education Building at the Black River School Forest. At that time, Weddig hoped that a groundbreaking cere-

mony could be held sometime this spring.

Later the Black River Falls School Administration and School Board announced that because the proposed site was once a landfill, certain liability issues eliminated that site from consideration.

Weddig stated that BRAGS officials then approached Jackson County about building the school at Lake Wazee, explaining that the building could serve as a school from September-May and as a Visitor Center in the summer months. Citing that a building at the site would require an increase in staff to monitor and maintain the site, William Cornell, Chairman of the Parks and Forestry Committee, stated that there were too

many unknowns about the project for the count to make a commitment. "There were so many things that we had unanswered questions for. It was probably best to walk



away at this time," he said.

Currently located at the Woodland Center, a former Campfire Girl's site, BRAGS has 11 students, including two Ho-Chunks, enrolled in a curriculum that offers a different learning experience. As listed on the schools district's website, students are given the opportunity to gain real world experience in the areas of water quality, for-

est management, fire control, conservation, fish and wildlife management, construction and manufacturing.

Weddig stated that because BRAGS expected to outgrow its current facility, (it has 14 students enrolled for next year) he and others have been working to find a new site, contacting volunteers to work on the project and seeking financial contributions to purchase the needed materials. He stated that the current lease at the Woodland Center expires in June and if a new building isn't ready by September, he may have to explore renting a facility. While he believes that once the concrete flooring is poured, a building could be up in less than six weeks, he

is concerned that the expected volunteers for the building may be busy once the traditional construction season begins.

Weddig continued that "because we have everything we need to build, we just need a place to build it," he is hoping the Ho-Chunk Nation can once again provide help. He stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the Planning Department to explore the options that may be available on Ho-Chunk controlled property. Regardless of what happens, Weddig stressed that the earlier funds donated by the Nation would only be used toward the construction of a new building.

# Program matches mentors and youth

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of America** is coming to Ho-Chunk Country. The organization's Enrollment/Match Specialist, Jody Hanneman, stated that the Black River Falls Program, part of the 7 Rivers Region, is currently seeking volunteers at least 16-years-old (BIGS), to work with children six-years old and up (LITTLES.)

The site based plan will give the BIGS the opportunity to meet and interact with their LITTLE for one or two hours a week at the District I Community Building. Under stipulations of the program, contact between the two parties will be limited to the District I site.

A full-time librarian at the Black River Falls Library, Hanneman explained that her interest in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program was initiated by her father, who served as a Big Brother throughout her childhood. Along with providing a role model to some children, Hanneman added that the relationship between BIGS and LITTLES can develop into lifelong friendships. "My father was just recently invited to the wedding of a former little brother," she said.

Along with providing both the BIGS and the LITTLES a satisfactory experience, Hanneman believes that the BIGS have a real opportunity to

impact the lives of younger children. "It's magical," she said. As an added benefit, statistics released by Public/Private Ventures, an independent national research organization, found that after participating in the program, "LITTLES were more confident of their performance in schoolwork and got along better with their families."

She explained that the goal is to create 15 matches in Black River Falls and that organizers would



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
of the 7 Rivers Region

like to start the program as soon as possible. All potential participants will be interviewed in an attempt to create the best matches possible based on similar interests. All potential BIGS will also be subject to criminal investigation checks. Parents of the LITTLES are invited to help in the selection process.

Volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment to the program. "It gives the match the time needed for a relationship to develop,"

Hanneman said. Throughout the relationship, **Big Brother Big Sister** offers the support and suggestions on what the match can do together to fulfill its mission defined as "to effectively match children with caring mentors to share time, experiences, friendships and fun that help children become caring, confident, competent adults."

**Big Brother Big Sister** is a donor and volunteer supported organization. Those wanting to get involved or who want more information are invited to visit the website [7riversbbs.org](http://7riversbbs.org) or email info. [brf@7riversbbs.org](mailto:brf@7riversbbs.org). Jody Hanneman can be reached at 715-896-6021.

## Neenk-Chunk-Gra Headstart Fundraiser Bingo

### Monday, March 28, 2011 at Ho-Chunk Bingo



Doors open at 5pm  
Games begin at 6pm  
\$10 6-on packs

Kids Welcome!

Food & Beverages will

be available for sale!

All proceeds will go towards their 2011 Graduation expenses.

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
State of WI & Juneau County, Petitioner, v. Amanda M. Hendricks n/k/a Amanda M. Allen, Respondent.  
Case : CS11-09

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Amanda M. Hendricks n/k/a Amanda M. Allen**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
Lana M Schocko & Milwaukee County, Petitioner, v. Stacy Gordon, Respondent.  
Case : CS11-07

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Stacy Gordon**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
State of WI, Petitioner, v. Woody Bird, Respondent.  
Case : CS11-09

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Woody Bird**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
State of WI, Petitioner, v. Nathan L. Miller, Respondent.  
Case : CS 11-05

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Nathan L. Miller**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

# Agritourism offers hands-on learning opportunities and adventure

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Away from the bright lights and noise that many people generally associate with a tourist attraction, the concept of agritourism is quietly attracting people from all over the United States to visit farms, orchards, bogs, wineries and breweries.

At the **Annual Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism**, held March 6-8 in Wisconsin Dells, Ross Ament, a member of the Agricultural Tourism Association, defined what agritourism is and how the concept can provide visitors a unique Wisconsin experience.

Defined as a travel experience organized around farming, food production or animal husbandry, agritourism seeks to attract people interested in seeing how food is grown or how animals are raised.

Also associated with festivals and events relating to Wisconsin's cranberry, pumpkin or potato industries, Ament stated that the agritourism experience can be expanded to include visiting dairy farms, cheese factories and organic farms. He added that in an era when tourists are looking to do

things they don't do at home; many people are learning to enjoy the simple pleasure of working the earth at organic farms (similar to the Ho-Chunk Nation's operation at Whirling Thunder) that are cropping up all over the country.

Ament believes that the concept of rural living has made agritourism attractive to a growing group of tourists. "In addition to doing something new, people just seem to enjoy the interactive activities that agritourism provides," he said.

People or organizations seeking to enter the agritourism market are encouraged to build a destination that encourages people to linger longer, Ament said. He added it's important to build the experience into an event that gives visitors a chance to do more than listen. For example, he explained that many farms give tourists a chance to ride tractors or work in the field. Some entrepreneurs have created the concept of "Haycations" when visitors rent a cabin on a farm and spent time working in the barn and feeding the animals. Hiking, biking and camping are also part of agritourism packages that focus on a

specific activity.

Ament later explained that there are some basic ways to enhance the agritourism experience. Because many people want to escape the city and go back to the farm, he encourages those in the industry to entertain their guests while teaching them. He also stressed the importance of giving visitors something to do. Give them the opportunity to pick apples, help milk the cows or just roll down the hills. Help people picture the way it used to look and let them help you with what you do. Above all "make it fun," he said.

He added that part of what is making Agritourism an attraction is that it brings out the senses to all who participate. "Standing in a cranberry bog or picking pickles is something almost anyone can do that makes them more aware of their surroundings," he said. In addition to helping people connect with nature, Ament believes that the experience makes memories. It was noted, for example, that while you can't sell the leaves on the ground, you can sell the romance associated with looking at the leaves.

He concluded that what



**Ross Ament offered ways to enhance the Agritourism experience.**

makes Wisconsin agritourism special is the diversity of the products and experiences offered. The products range from cheese to potatoes and site options range from dairy farms and microbreweries throughout the state to the wineries in Door County that all feature locally grown products.

Patrick Reinsma, an Economic Development Specialist with the Wisconsin

Department of Agriculture, added that because of the state's agricultural diversity, Agritourism offers endless opportunities. He believes that "the sky is the limit."

Many farms, orchards and marshes offer group tours and rent out barns for special events. For information on the Agritourism packages available, visit [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com).

## The new age of tourism

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Speaking at the Annual Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism, held March 6-8 in Wisconsin Dells, Roger Brooks, a specialist on community branding, development, marketing and tourism, explained how the tourism industry is changing and how those in the industry need to adjust to the changes.

Brooks noted that in the past decade "everything is changing in the tourism industry." Along with threats from diseases like SARS and global terrorism, rising gas and airline prices have forced many people to reconsider or even cancel their vacation plans. "People are being more selective," he said.

In the United States, the Industrial Revolution is over, and Brooks explained that many of the 65,000 communities throughout the country are looking for a "second act" that will bring jobs and activities into their areas. He continued that every year, nearly 1,500 of these communities are

trying new tourism related activities in an attempt to diversify their local economy. While many communities focus on advertising to a limited audience, Brooks stressed that since the Internet emerged about 15 years it has provided the tool needed to reach a worldwide audience at a reasonable price and should be everyone's primary marketing tool.

He continued that current estimates indicate that people over 50-years-old control 75 percent of the wealth and for many of those people travel is at the top of their bucket list. Many of these people are retired and Brooks stressed that because they are free to travel any time, the tourism industry needs to get out of the Memorial Day to Labor Day mindset and work to create more year round activities.

The population is also changing the industry by making new demands on what they would like to do. Culinary and ethnic tourism are two examples of people wanting to learn while they

relax. Additionally, more people are spending money to visit gardens and public markets. Brooks also believes that because grandparents now have more time to spend with their grandchildren, watching or participating in local sports has become a more popular tourism option.

Wisconsin has 1,450 cities, towns and villages. While all have something to offer, Brooks emphasized that they all share the same challenge when trying to expand their local tourism market. All need to ask themselves and find the answer to two important questions: How is our town different than any other and what does our town have that visitors can't get close to home? He stressed that using phrases like "We're unique" or "We're the friendliest town" is no longer effective.

He believes that communities or regions need to focus on an activity not their location when seeking to attract tourists. "With rare exceptions like Mt. Rushmore, the location is

secondary to the activity offered," Brooks said. "Communities need to work to provide something that's better or different than what's at home." He offered five things that tourism promoters must do in the new age of tourism.

**Jettison the generic** and realize that you can't be all things to all people. Brooks believes that communities need to find their niche and promote it like crazy. For example, Wisconsin Dells promoted itself as "the Water Park capital of the World."

**Tell me why I should visit. Don't tell me what. Tell me why.** In Wisconsin, the Fox Cities area has marketed the many shopping options available as a reason to visit. Native gaming enterprises throughout the state offer the only such entertainment in their areas.

**Champion the cause for product development.** Some communities have encouraged private developers to invest in the towns by creating a theme and building attractions around that theme. Brooks

explained that one town has focused on building and opening antique shops, another has built an entire section of town where all the stores are geared to sell western style clothes. A town in Canada has focused on creating *Star Trek* related businesses and attractions throughout the community.

**Promote an activity not the location.** Offer something (shopping, gardening, gaming) that's different or better than what's found at home.

**Evoke an emotional response.** Create and promote an activity that encourages people to become involved. On its website, Appleton, WI encourages "Let's go Shopping."

Brooks concluded that by working to be different, communities can succeed and bring tourists to visit and spend money. "Tourism is the purest form of economic development," he said. "People spend money and leave."



# Gonzaga University's nationally unrivalled American Indian Entrepreneurship

## MBA Program searches for next Cohort

Submitted by  
Emily Easley, Account Coordinator -  
Desautel Hege Communications

Gonzaga University's MBA with an emphasis in American Indian Entrepreneurship is a unique 24-month program that is designed specifically to prepare tribal leaders to effectively manage and support sustainable business on American Indian reservations. This program provides a way for graduates to be more competitive and also provides a new vision for tribal education that builds on tradition and honors the past.

The MBA-AIE program consists of 16 classes, or 35 credits, over a 2 year period. The majority of the Fall and Spring semesters are taught via distance learning, but one weekend of each Fall and Spring semester the cohorts travel to Gonzaga's campus for on-site instruction. Students are encouraged to bring their families and the University assists with travel expenses. In addition, this program is offered at a drastically discounted rate compared to the traditional MBA program at Gonzaga – nearly 50%. The University also helps pay for all books and course materials.

Applicants must be a member in a federally recognized American Indian tribe, have a Bachelor's degree, and a minimum GMAT of 450. Though the program is specific to tribal members, the admissions committee will allow non-tribal members who are working for tribal or tribal-owned organizations to apply and complete the program on a case-by-case basis.

One of a kind in the nation, this program produces graduates that are helping to build their economies and enhance cultural traditions on their reservations and in their native communities. The specific nature of the MBA-AIE program plays to its graduate's strengths and firmly connects them to the communities around them through hands on and tribal specific curriculum.

For more information about Gonzaga University's MBA with an emphasis in American Indian Entrepreneurship program, or to apply for this nationally unrivalled program, please go to [www.gonzaga.edu/MBA](http://www.gonzaga.edu/MBA) or contact the Gonzaga Graduate School of Business at (509) 313-7044.



### HIGHER EDUCATION

#### NOTICE:

If you are a Ho-Chunk Tribal Member planning to attending college this Summer or Fall term, May 1<sup>st</sup> is our Priority Funding Deadline date. You can still be considered for funding on a first-come-first-serve basis after this priority deadline.

**Graduating High School Seniors!**  
Please contact our office so we may help you start the process of completing your application and other forms for our Ho-Chunk Nation Scholarship

♦ **Website:** You can print all the Higher Education forms, review program guidelines, scholarships, and our policy at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com)

♦ **E-mail:** For your convenience Higher Education Division has a student mail box to e-mail your questions and concerns at [www.higher.education@ho-chunk.com](mailto:www.higher.education@ho-chunk.com)

## Girls in Science

For girls entering grades 6-8

June 25-26 @

UW-LaCrosse

LaCrosse, WI

Check out the brochure, see workshop descriptions, and more at...

<http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/girlsinscience/index.htm>

Registration Fee: \$160 due May 25, 2011. For additional information or to register contact Karen DeSchepper at (608) 785-6508 or [deschepp.kare@uwlax.edu](mailto:deschepp.kare@uwlax.edu)



Hands-on Experiments!  
11 Workshop Offerings!  
Taught by university faculty!  
Full campus experience  
with overnight stay!

## ART CONTEST

Theme:

Power of Life Choices:  
What's Your Future?



WHO CAN SUBMIT: Ho-Chunk students in grades 7 – 12 in Wisconsin

DEADLINE: April 22, 2011 (postmarked date)

CONTACT PERSON: Lisa Flick, Home School Coordinator, Youth Services Division, Social Services, BRF High School, 1200 Pierce Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615

We will accept drawings with pencils, colored pencils, oils, and markers. The finished product should be 8 1/2 X 11.

## Boys Science

### Exploration Camp

Entering grades 6-8

June 25-26 at UW-LaCrosse

Hands on Experiments  
Choose 3 workshops  
from 9 offerings

Taught by university faculty

Full campus experience  
with overnight stay

Check out the brochure, see workshop descriptions, and more at...

<http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/boyssciencecamp/index.htm>

Registration Fee: \$160 due May 25, 2011.

For additional information or to register contact (608) 785-6508 or [deschepp.kare@uwlax.edu](mailto:deschepp.kare@uwlax.edu)

## Wisconsin Indian Education Association 2011 Conference

April 28 – April 30

Menominee Casino Resort Convention Center, Keshena  
This year's conference "Literacy – Learning Today for Tomorrow's Leaders" will provide valuable information and insight regarding issues facing American Indian Youth and Educators committed to providing quality education. Keynote speaker on Friday, April 29, 2011 will be Ernest Stevens Jr., Chairman National Gaming Association, followed by Dr. Anton Treuer, Professor of Ojibwe, Bemidji State University on Saturday April 30, 2011.

Exhibit/Vendor application is available online at [www.wiea.org](http://www.wiea.org)

Contact:  
Virginia Nuskie,  
P.O. Box 910  
Keshena, WI. 54135  
[vnuskie@nitw.org](mailto:vnuskie@nitw.org)



*Thank You!*

On March 2, 2011, I realized I was sitting among some of the most



profound leaders of our great Nation; people I've come to know along the way but perhaps out of their own humbleness, never did it dawn on me how instrumental they each were in building a Nation. Amongst these current & former Legislators sat a past President, Chairperson, and Supreme Court Justice. Their place in our history and future is not by luck. As they have proven before, they all have something to offer.

I'm certain a great number of our membership know this and for that reason, they are deserving of whatever I can do to shape this next step forward in the spirit of their objectives. I have learned greatly from just listening to what has been said on the "campaign trail." For this, I'm truly grateful.

The race between the candidates, as expected, has progressed with dignity and respect. Adding our own Ho-Chunk brand of humor seemed to bring life to all of the discussions. I have to underscore that after listening, the goals expressed for our Nation seemed very similar and that the campaigns were only distinguished by the means with which to reach them. This is reassuring that we are headed in a positive direction.

I'll never know everyone who decided to ultimately cast their vote for me, but if you did, I thank you. There were many people, both those I spoke with as well as those I couldn't reach directly, that felt they found something I could bring to the Presidency. We don't have a lot of information systems available to research before we vote, but I don't believe it's anything an elder and a pot of coffee couldn't fix.

As we begin the long stretch toward the June 7, 2011 General Election, please don't hesitate to let me know what's on your mind and ask questions...especially the tough questions.

I realize we don't have a perfect system and judging by the standards we expect from leaders, we never will. Nonetheless, in service of our tribal membership, it is something to constantly strive for.

I wish to thank everyone who voted no matter who it was for. I also wish to thank those who voted Absentee, especially since they do a little "extra" just to participate in the elections. Thank you for reaching out.

Again, I wish to thank the past and current candidates for continuing a positive message for the Ho-Chunk people. I look forward to a Nation ready, willing, and able to serve ALL of our people in ALL of our districts.

*Jon Greendeer*

[www.jongreendeer.com](http://www.jongreendeer.com)



I'd like to thank everyone for getting out and voting.



Pi na gi gi,  
Greg Littlejohn

## Pi-Na-Gi-Gi

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those Tribal members who showed their support for my bid for re-election as your Area 2 Legislative Representative in our recent Primary Elections.

I also want to thank all of the voters who turned out to the polls to participate in our government. Individual and community participation in your government is vital to the forward progress of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and you are to be commended for the collective performance of your civic duty.

A thank-you also goes out to all of those who ran for office. If people were not concerned about the direction of the Ho-Chunk Nation, the numbers of those vying for elected positions would be nominal. The significant number of those who put themselves on a ballot exhibits an encouraging sign that this Nation matters a great deal to many Tribal members.

And finally, I wish to express my appreciation to those against whom I ran. All were gracious and ran clean and respectful campaigns. One day they will undoubtedly make excellent representatives for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

My best goes out to my opponent in the race for the Area 2 Legislative Representative. However, I am hopeful that voters will continue to support experienced leadership that strives for individual prosperity and the prosperity of this great Nation of ours. God bless us one and all.

**RE-ELECT DANIEL BROWN AREA 2 REPRESENTATIVE**

**THANK YOU** to each and everyone that came out to vote in the March 8<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.  
I greatly appreciate your support.



**PINAGIGI**

**Andrea "Pepper" Estebo**  
**HCN District 2 Legislator**



[Andreaestebo@hotmail.com](mailto:Andreaestebo@hotmail.com)





The College of Menominee Nation ■ Accredited ■ Affordable ■ Open to All

## Why Wait?

Apply now for Summer and Fall enrollment

■  
Inquire about financial aid

■  
(800) 567 - 2344, ext 3061

■ **Academic courses**

in fields including business administration, public administration, computer science, biological and physical science, nursing, chemistry, education, and natural resources

■ **4-Year and 2-Year Degrees**

offering Bachelor of Science, Associate and Associate–Applied Science

■ **Technical and Trades diplomas**

in office tech, practical nursing, sustainable residential building, electricity, welding

■ **New this semester**

certificate in home health aide training

Campuses on Hwy 47/55 in Keshena, on South Ridge Road in Green Bay, and brought on request to a location near you

## THUNDERCLOUD YOUTH GOLF ACADEMY

### Now Recruiting Players

Youth—Ages 13-18



Lesson will be given to those that are interested in learning the game of golf. There will be specific criteria that must be met to receive a scholarship.

Scholarships available to include the following:

- Custom golf clubs
- Golf bag
- Shoes
- Golf balls and tees
- Rounds of golf / tournaments

The academy will teach you golf techniques as well as etiquette, sportsmanship, and patience.

For more information please contact Quentin or Andy at:

Quentin Thundercloud  
24402 Dexter Ave  
Tomah, WI 54660  
Phone: 608-372-9558  
Q.Thundercloud@mwt.net

Andy Thundercloud  
Phone: 608-387-2640  
ndngolfguy@netscape.net



A SupraNet Communications  
World Cultures Series Event

## Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre

Sponsored by Pepsi Cola of Madison

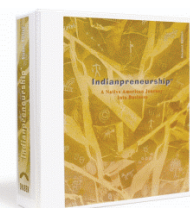
FRI, APR 15, 8 PM

\$20 – \$28 | Capitol Theater



Overture Center  
FOR THE ARTS

OVERTURECENTER.COM  
608.258.4141  
GROUPS: 608.258.4159



## Indianpreneurship® A Native American Journey Into Business

Blue Wing Community Center,  
320 Epinal Ave, Tomah, WI 54660  
March 28 - June 6, 2011, Monday Nights  
(excluding 4/25 & 5/30) 6-9pm

**Indianpreneurship: a unique business course that represents the challenges, experiences and opportunities for Native American entrepreneurs.**

### This 9-week course offers:

- Case studies relevant to Native American business experiences offer situations and solutions in which participants can relate.
- Coursework provides a guided look at practical business planning concepts for a real-world application.
- Includes helpful easy-to-understand worksheets.
- Completion of the coursework will result in a simple, yet comprehensive business plan.
- Presents thorough information on promoting, marketing, and financing a Native-owned business.

Includes 8 sessions, work sessions if needed, and graduation.  
Each session is covered in a single three-hour workshop.  
Work sessions would require individual study and research of specific topics covered in previous sessions to finalize a business plan.

### \*\$50 registration fee for materials

- \*Must have at least 2 participants to hold the class
- \*Light snacks provided    \*Personal laptop recommended

-Perfect opportunity to complete a business plan to apply for our commercial loan at First Nations Community Financial-

Contact Allyson to sign up today!  
First Nations Community Financial  
320 Epinal Ave, Tomah, WI 54660





FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

ON APRIL 1, 2011

WE WILL BE ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE  
PHONE LINE FOR

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION:

- FITNESS AND AQUATIC SECURITY

- DAY CARE

- MAINTENANCE

- ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

COORDINATOR

- SOCIAL SERVICES

- LANGUAGE

- YOUTH AND LEARNING

(608) 355-5155

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEDICAL - DENTAL - OPTICAL

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH—NUTRITION

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPS

DIABETIC PROGRAMS AND

PHARMACY CALLS

(608) 355-1240

**FREE**  
TO HO-CHUNK NATION  
**MEMBERS**



## Lifeguard Certification Class April 4-7, 2011 10AM – 5:30PM

**MUST PRE-REGISTER AT HOW  
POOL OFFICE**

**Class is limited to 12 students  
Ages 15 1/2 yrs or older**

**First come, First served  
MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS  
TO GAIN  
CERTIFICATION**

Call Cheryl Kidd-Aquatic Supervisor

S2845 White Eagle Rd | Baraboo, WI 53913

Department of Health 608-355-1240

Department of Administration 608-355-5155

## Keeping Hope Alive Wellness Conference

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> AND  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**April 6 & April 7 - Registration: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

#### Wide variety of breakout sessions!

- What is diabetes and pre-diabetes?
- How to keep your heart healthy
- Foot Clinic and Massages!



### Ho-Chunk Casino/Convention Center

*Comedian Marc Yafee will be providing  
entertainment on evening of April 6th  
Breakfast & Lunch Provided Both Days*

**TO RESERVE A HOTEL ROOM  
OR**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact: Karena Nichols, SDPI Coordinator  
888.685.4422 ext. 5385

**Reservations accepted through March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE  
ROOMS FUNDED FOR APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*Funded by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians*

## April Elders Birthdays



1 Bruce Decorah	11 Spencer Lonetree
1 Anthony Kingswan	14 Leona McKee
2 Greg Butterfield	15 Charity Thunder
2 Annabelle Lowe	16 Lois Ann Behrens
2 Richard Blackdeer	17 Theresa Bennett
3 Bruce O'Brien	17 James Greendeer
3 Leroy Crow Sr.	18 Ruth Decorah
4 Norma Greengrass	19 Earl Blackdeer
5 Exhilda Mary Stone	19 Wilma Beresfky
6 Bernadine Tallmadge	19 Aurelia Ott
7 Mary Payer	22 Dorothy Decorah
7 Jack Monegar	22 Nathaniel Cloud
7 Joan Jourdan	22 Sharon Onellas
7 Mildred Moyer	23 Ernestine Helgeson
8 Lee Henry Brown Jr.	23 William Littlesam
8 Marilyn Belik	24 Victoria Blackcoon
8 Frank Wilson	24 Barbara TwoBears
8 Sam Thundercloud	24 Betty Preece
9 Gladys Cloud	24 Verna Rieder
9 Martin Little Wolf	25 Howard Walker
10 Bonita Clairemont	26 Jacob Lonetree
10 Roberta Hall	26 Inez Lizotte
10 Teala Edwards	26 Sandra Sliwicki
10 Deanna Hendrickson	28 John Smith
10 Aurelia Hopinkah	28 Duane Turner
10 Dallas Whitewing	29 Bartola Enright
11 Annette Littlewolf	

### NOTICE FROM FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

Due to the "Keeping Hope Alive" Wellness Conference (April 6 & 7), the date for the Wisconsin Dells distribution is changed to Tuesday, April 5th.

Our schedule for the week of April 3rd through the 9th is:

**Monday, April 4** – OPEN/Black River Falls

**Tuesday, April 5** – Wis Dells Distribution

**Wednesday, April 6** – CLOSED for  
Wellness Conference

**Thursday, April 7** – CLOSED for Wellness Conference

**Friday, April 8** – OPEN/Black River Falls

#### Food Distribution Program

N6562 Lumberjack Guy Road

Black River Falls WI 54615

(715) 284-7461 or 1(800) 284-9466



### National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course

**Friday, April 15, 2011**

Offered to all Ho-Chunk Nation Employees

12:30pm – 4:30pm

TOB Legislative Conference Room

Presented by the Division of Transportation

Please RSVP to the Division of Transportation @ 715-284-9343 Ext 1095

Seating is Limited



**Congratulations Mikaila-We are so proud of you and all your hard work!!!**

Mikaila Thompson, daughter of Dennis and Shannon Thompson and granddaughter of the late Preston Thompson Sr., attended the 2011 Minnesota State Championship Swim, March 11-13. She was entered in 10 events for the 9-10 Girls Age Group and medaled in all! She placed 2nd in the 50 Butterfly, 3rd in the 50 Freestyle, 3rd in the 200 Medley Relay, 4th in the 200 Freestyle Relay, 100 Freestyle, and the 100 Butterfly, 5th in the 200 IM, and 7th in the 200 Free and the 100 IM. She also has 7 zone times which qualifies her to swim at a regional level. Mikaila swims for the St. Croix Swim Club in Stillwater, MN year round. She has been promoted to Juniors and will start this Spring as the youngest one in this group.



**Congratulations for Completing the Magic On Ice Black River Falls Figure Skating Club Show held March 18th-20th.**



**Cherelle Gunderson with her Gaga and Choka Barb and Rodney Rave, daughter of Jackie Rave and Steve Gunderson.**



**Happy 4th Birthday  
Cherelle**

**Happy 2nd Birthday  
RyRy**

**All our Love  
Mom and Dad**

*With Loving  
Memories*

**DOUGLAS  
J. LONG**

Ro Hą Wacž u manj



May you always walk in sunshine,  
and God's love around you flow.  
For the love and happiness you gave us,  
no one will ever know.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you,  
the morning the Great Spirit called you home.  
You left us loving memories,  
your love is still our guide;  
Though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Affectionately,  
Your loving wife, Myrtle,  
son Lance and grandson Douglas

**NATOW 2011**  
*Going Green*  
**May 1 - 3**  
at LCO Casino, Lodge & Conv. Center - Hayward, WI  
Hosted by Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe

Don't miss your chance to network with the Tribes of WI and enthusiastic tourism professionals. Green solutions, sustainable energy, tourism development, hospitality and gaming resources & more!

**Speakers include:**  
WI Dept of Tourism - Secretary Klett  
BIA Transportation Specialist - Ed Hall  
Raving Consulting - Steve Browne  
Famous Dave Anderson, The Goss Agency  
Rocket Gaming, Johnson Controls &  
WI Dept of Tourism Travel Green Program!

May 1st - Comedian Paul Rodriguez  
Golf Tournament at Big Fish Golf Club  
Farm Tour of LCO and Chippewa Flowage  
May 2nd - Brat Pack Radio  
Marketplace Vendors Welcomed

For more information or to register call LCO Casino Marketing at 1-800-LCO-CASH  
www.natow.org/conference

**Johnson O'Malley Program  
Wisconsin Dells / Mauston Meeting  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
at the House of Wellness Food Court  
6pm Pot Luck ▲ 6:30pm Meeting**



**Parents can submit on THIS DAY ONLY (no exceptions) their child's 2010-2011 Report Cards; students will be rewarded for their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades per our Incentive Guidelines.**



# Ho-Chunk youth participate in Wisconsin's March Madness

*Bronson Koenig and Will Decorah part of the Final Four Weekend*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk youth, Bronson Koenig, a sophomore at La Crosse Aquinas High

School and Will Decorah, a sophomore at Waunakee High School were part of the action during the Annual Wisconsin Boys State High School

Basketball Championships, held at the Kohl Center in Madison, March 17-19.

Bronson, considered by many the state's premier player in the Class of 2013, led La Crosse into the Division 3 Championship game where they defeated two-time defending champion Racine St. Catherine's 46-40. In his two games in Madison, Bronson averaged 14.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5 assists.

Following the game, Aquinas coach, Evan Pederson acknowledged that when the game was close in the fourth quarter, he expected Bronson to take over. "He's such a dynamic player and there was no one on the floor who could guard him."

Will, a quarterback on Waunakee's Division 2 championship football team,



La Crosse Aquinas High School sophomore Bronson Koenig joins a teammate and head coach Rick Schneider after their victory over Lakeside Lutheran in the D3 semi-finals. That victory set them up for a victory over Racine St. Katherines Angels.



Sophomore Will Decorah (pictured center) waits courtside to enter the game for the Waunakee Warriors.

contributed two points as previously undefeated Waunakee lost Merrill 55-52 in the Division 2 semi-final.

Bronson is the son of Ethel Funmaker and Paul Koenig. Will's parents are Tim and Sarah Decorah.

## "You don't have to be an artist to make art"

*"Express what you feel and what you are"*

Submitted by  
Mandy Smith, Art Educator

As an art educator, that quote from a Tomah high school student was music to my ears! Participating in the visual arts should be a fun experience no matter what level of mastery the student has achieved as an artist.

I spent the last week in February at the Tomah Youth Center teaching an art lesson on identity to the middle and high school students. "Why an art lesson on identity?" you may ask? I wanted to create an art lesson to help adolescents explore their identity. Adolescence is a time where students struggle to establish an identity, because they are exploring the social norms in school and in their community while comparing it to those at home. I have chosen the topic of "Identity Formation in Adolescents" for my student thesis. I am studying how an adolescent establishes a sense of identity and how participating in the visual arts may help achieve that. My name is Mandy Smith and I am a graduate student studying at the Corcoran College of Art and Design to earn a Masters of Arts in Teaching Degree. To



Most of the participants of the Art Class. Back: Emily Blackdeer, Shila Pemberton, Billy Scarce, Stevie Campbell, instructor: Mandy Smith, Justice Blackhawk, Gerald Pemberton. Front: Sabrina Scarce.

test this theory I created a lesson plan on identity and implemented it with our own Ho Chunk adolescents.

I arrived at the Tomah Youth Center on Tuesday, February 22nd to begin our art adventure! The first day we studied Native American artist Fritz Scholder (Luiseno tribe from California) and how he explored his own identity through a series of paintings. We had a discussion on how Scholder's paintings each told a story about him or the person in the painting. As a warm up activity the students were asked to draw an image to tell a story about them. On Wednesday I returned to start the main project: a painting that would illustrate a story about them. Thanks to the warm up activity from the day before the students were fresh with ideas on what kind of story to tell about themselves. However, a few students had not worked with acrylic paint before so were a bit intimidating, but once they got going everyone seemed excited. The students worked hard on

Wednesday and continued to work on their paintings into Thursday.

Monday, February 28th was our final day working together. I hung the paintings in the hallway of the center and we had a critique of their paintings. Our time together was brief, but through the lesson I felt as though I really got to know each student pretty well. It is not an easy task to talk about oneself but each student participated with an open mind. Each painting successfully tells a story about the artist. Students who participated in the program were: Emily Blackdeer (6th grade), Justice Blackhawk (6th grade), Stevie Campbell (6th grade), Meko Deloney (6th grade), Jonnie Houghton (6th grade), Gerald Pemberton (6th grade), Shila Pemberton (9th grade), Billy Scarce (8th grade), and Sabrina Scarce (10th grade). This group was very eager to participate in all the planned activities. It was truly a wonderful experience to work with this talented group of students.



Justice Blackhawk with his Identity Painting.

## George WhiteWing pins another

Submitted by  
Marty Ybarra – Tomah Youth Center Director

George WhiteWing is an 11th grader at the Wittenberg-Biramwood High School and is a standout wrestler for the wrestling team. This season George compiles a 39-6 record at the 285 pound weight class.

George was a regional champ and in the sectional tournament in Waupaca he was one match away from qualifying for the WIAA State Wrestling tournament in Madison. The sectional tournament 285 pound weight class that George competed in was one of the toughest sectionals in the state as the two medal winners, including

the runner up, came out of this sectional.

George will also be competing in the North American Indigenous Games in Milwaukee on July 10, 2011 thru July 14, 2011. George is the son of John WhiteWing, Sr. George is a very focused wrestler and looking forward to his senior year.

It's very refreshing to watch a wrestler of George's ability who can take losing a wrestling match as well as he can with winning. We wish George luck in the upcoming Indigenous Games as well as his senior year. I'm sure we will see George at next year's WIAA state wrestling tournament.



George after his victory over Blaize Koon.



George at sectionals pinning his opponent, Blaize Koon, from Sturgeon Bay-Sevastopol.